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RICHMOND WILL SEND GOOD MEN

Strong Leaders Out for the Convention.

NO UNSEEMLY FIGHT

Candidates and People Opposed to a Scramble.

COMMITTEE SOON TO MEET

Will Nominate in April - Primary Election Will Be Held-Something About the Men Who Are Already in the Race and Those . Whose Friends Are Urging Them to Run.

Richmond city-whose people are always conservative-will send a delegato the Constitutional Convention, from present indications, which in point of ability will compare favorably with the members from any other section of the State.

There is a decided disposition on the part of those who will stand for the convention here, as well as the people, to have no "unseemly scramble" over the matter, but to have a canvass conducted on that high plane which is in keeping with the dignity and impertance of the office, and which will reflect credit upon the aspirants as well as upon the city at large.

Several of the larger Democratic organizations have through their recognized leaders expressed the opinion that there should be no stump canvass for votes, and this view has been endorsed by several of the most prominent candidates for the convention. Indeed, two or three of them have indicated that they will not go into a "rough roll and tumble" canvass, and that if the honor must come to them after such a struggle they will not have it.

Every effort will be made to discourage a fight, and the candidates, whose qualifications and fitness for the convention are for the most part well known to the people, may remain in their offices, and not be forced to enter an ugly fight, such as has been witnessed in municipal contests on former occasions.

NO MUSHROOM CLUBS. NO MUSHROOM CLUBS.

If any speaking is done at all, it will most certainly be confined to the recognized permanent Democratic Clubs, and little encouragement will be given by the candidates or their friends to the mushroom organizations that are wont to spring up in bar-rooms during the progress of a campaign, and then fall of their own weight when the struggle of their own weight when the campaign is ended. In other words, the campaign which will open shortly will not furnish a very profitable field for those who anxiously await the off recurring municipal contests, and who feast so lavishly upon contests, and who reast so lavising upon the candidates for city offices. The City Democratic Committee will be called to-gether in about two weeks to formulate a primary plan for the nomination of candidates for the convention and to receive and act upon the resignation of three of its members—Messrs. Scott, three of its members—Messrs. Scott. Gordon and Montague—who have desired to enter the race for the body. Their places will be filled, and a plan

made, and then all will be in readiness for the fray. It is likely that the primary will take place some time in April, and that the plan will be an exact copy of that usually adopted in legislative

SOME STRONG CANDIDATES. Some of those who have either indi-cated their purpose to stand for the cated their purpose to stand for the convention or whose friends are urging them to do so are: Hon. Charles V. Meredith. Captain George D. Wise, exattorney-General R. Carter Scott, Colonel A. S. Buford, Captain John A. Curtis, Messrs. James W. Gordon, J. Garland Pollard, William S. Royall, and Hill Montague. Some of the prominent mentlemen whose friends are anxious for them to run and who are known to have the matter under advisement are: Cheirman J. Taylor Ellyson, Colonel Archer Anderson, and Colonel George Wayne Anderson.

Wayne Anderson. Mr. Meredith is one of those who does not believe in a "scramble" and who has said he will not enter into one for the honer. Captain Wise is another who holds to the same view. Both these gen-tlemen say they will serve if elected, and their friends predict that they will win

Mr. Meredith is recognized as one of the most profound lawyers in the State, and this fact combined with his splendic gifts as a debater, would make him at once a leading figure in the convention and give much prestige to the Richmond delegation. Captain Wise is a man of splendid gifts, and his experience of four-teen years in the national Congress will be of infinite value to him in the convention should be be elected. Mr. Royall is a lawyer of great ability and is one of the most vigorous and convincing speakers in the State. He is a reformer from "way back" and would no doubt make a strong leader in the body

SOME ABLE LAYMEN. Among those spoken of for the conven-tion from this city who are not lawyers, none stand higher in the estimation of his people or possess more ability for such work than Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, for ten years the very faithful chairman of the State Democratic Committee. Mr. Ellyson is not without ripe experience in legislative bodles, having served in the Senate of Virginia and in the Council of

the city for a number of years.

Colonel A. S. Buford is another man of the highest integrity and ripe experience who does not belong to the legal frater-nity and whose friends want him in the convention. He has rendered distinguished service in the Legislature and has been prominent in the public affairs of the State for many years. Colonel Archer Anderson is president of the Tredegar Iron Company, and is exceedingly popu-lar with all who know him. He is a gentleman of the old school and is a business man of well-rounded experience.

Captain John A. Curtis is too well known to need much mention here. He is at present harbor-master of the city

eries. Captain Curtis has served several terms in the House of Delegates and is well up on the present needs of the State.
YOUNG LAWYERS OF ABILITY.
Mr. J. Garland Pollard approximation. Mr. J. Garland Pollard announced his candidacy for the convention yesterday. Mr. Pollard comes from a family of great lawyers and students and has taken high rank as a practitioner during the eight years he has been at the bar. His work of compiling thousands of friends in this city.

the amendments to the Code several years ago was admirably done, and the volume is in the office of all the lawyers. He has made a specialty of the study of constitutional and statute law and has for several years been making a study of the Constitutions of other States in com-

the Constitutions of other States in comparison with that of Virginia.

Mr. Pollard's friends claim for him admirable qualifications for the duties of the convention and he enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

City Chairman James W. Gordon, who is also in the race, is a prominent young lawyer and is very popular. He has rendered valuable service to the party and is a young man of much ability. Hon. R. dered valuable service to the party and is a young man of much ability. Hon. R. Carter Scott is a well known lawyer of the younger class, and is very popular. He was appointed by Governor O'Ferrall to fill out the unexpired term of his lamented father as Attorney-General, and he discharged the duties of the office with much ability. Colonel George Wayne Anderson is well

known and popular, both in political and military circles. It seems hardly probable that Colonel Anderson will run, though his friends are anxious for him to do so. Mr. Montague is a well known young lawyer and has strong backing among his friends for the convention.

GROWTH OF RICHMOND TRADE.

Retailers as Well as Wholesalers Ex-

perionce It. A railroad man, speaking yesterday of the recent allusion in The Times to the rapid extension of the wholesale trade of Richmond within the past year, said he had been frequently struck by the fact of late, and that he believed the increase was very much greater than was generally recognized. He said the shipments of freight over all the Southern lines out of Richmond during the past year were the heaviest in their history. This, not-withstanding the fact that one new line has been added to the number of southbound roads out of Richmond, the Sea-

board Air Line.

This goes to show that not only has the Scabbard opened up new trade territory for this city, but also that Richmond wholesalers are extending their business into territory once controlled by other

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crease in the volume of Richmond's re-tail trade within the two years past. Richmond retail establishments now sup-ply in large measure the wants of fami-lies in various sections of Virginia and North Carolina. Trade once controlled entirely by the local country stores is now divided with the Richmond stores. The growth of Richmond's retail trade with the country people may be in large measure accounted for by the many excursions run to this city during the summer season. Cheap rates bring to Richmond every few days during the late spring, the summer and early fall, hundreds of farmer-folk from Virginia and North Carolina. They stay a day or two, and when they go back home the house-header and his wife carry with them and when they go back nome the house-theoker and his wife carry with them supplies to last several months. These excursions have been of immense value to the city, and are naturally encour-aged by Richmond business men.

ANOTHER HOTEL POSSIBLE.

Negotiations Pending for Converting a Big Store Into One. Negotiations looking to the leasing of a building in this city to be used as a hotel

have been reopened.

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There is every prospect of their being successful. The only obstacle in the way of the consummation of the proposed deal is said to be the refusal of the owners of the property to make all the improve-ments asked, although they are willing to grant a great deal in this direction. It is proposed to form a joint stock company to lease the property and run

A Dwelling Burned.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 23.—A frame dwelling in the rear of the Albemarle Hotel, occupied by a colored family, was destroyed, with contents, by fire to-night. It was the property of the Atlantic

ONLY AMERICAN THUS HONORED

Dr. Z. T. Sweeney Tells How He Won the Sultan's Favor and

was Decorated.

"Richmond has many charms for me," said Rev. Dr. Z. T. Sweeney, preacher, author, diplomat and lecturer. "It has been a year or more since my last visit to this city, and I am glad to be back once more. Yes, I preach to-morrow, and then Monday and Tuesday I lecture; I will have a busy time, but I am glad to

"Yes, that is true. I did not seek the appointment, but I was pleased to represent Uncle Sam in the land of the Sultan. I was there for three years. That's doing pretty well when you recall that Dr. Angell only stayed there six months. It

was a great experience, but the man who represents Uncle Sam at Constantinople has plenty of work to do. "Well, I do not know whether I was the only American who ever held an office in the Masonic Lodge at Constantinople, but I was the senior warden of the body. They have a fine lodge there, but it is under English jurisdiction. There are Greeks and Armenians and many other nationalities represented in the member-

"Yes, that is true, too. I was decorated by the Sultan with the order of Osso-manieh. I am the only American that has ever received that decoration. Oh, no. I did not receive it until six months after my retiral from the diplomatic service, for you know that no official representative of the United States is allowed to accept any decoration from a for-

ed to accept any decoration from a for-eign government.

"How did I happen to receive the honor? Well, that is a strange story. Dur-ing my incumbancy as minister to Turkey, I came to America. Of course I expected to be interviewed by the repre-sentatives of the metropolitan papers and prepared an interview in advance. I left out what I might have said that was derogatory to the Turkish people and told of their good traits and characteristics. of their good traits and characteristics. These clippings were forwarded by the Turkish Minister at Washington to the Sublime Porte, and the secretary to the Sultan was a particular friend of mine. received an official communication from the Sultan saying that the interview was the fairest to the Turkish Empire that he had ever seen, and thanked me for it. Later I received the decoration and in 1833, during the World's Fair, I was appointed Imperial Turkish Commissioner."

Dr. Sweeney is the guest of Colonel John S. Harwood, and will lecture in

FEARFUL DEATH OF MR. M. HOGAN

Lower Gas-House.

NO ONE TO BLAME.

This the Verdict of the Jury at the Inquest.

The Dead Man Was Caught Under Falling Bricks and His Body Was Horribly Mangled - Explosion Occurred in One of the Purifying Boxes-Deceased a Popular Citizen.

An explosion in the purifying-house of the Lower Gas Works yesterday morning caused the death of Mr. Mortimer Hogan, one of the workmen, and the injury of six others. The property itself was not damaged to any great extent, so far as is known, the machinery not being injured. injured at all.

Mr. Hegan was crushed to death under Mr. Hogan was chasted of the portion of a wall which fell as a result of the explosion. Those who were injured are: Joseph McCaulcy, No. 3921 Fulton Street; C. W. King, No. 521 North Twenty-seventh Street; John S. Blunt, No. 121 South Laurel Street; Dan T. Rabinson, Thirty-first and Main Street; Robinson, Thirty-first and Main Street; R. Otway Goodman and W. P. Allen; all more or less badly burned. None of the more or less badly burned. Note of the men are regarded as seriously injured and will doubtless soon be out again. Messrs. H. M. Griffin, James M. John-son, and John T. Smith were also in the house when the explosion occurred, but escaped unhurt.

THE INVESTIGATION.

The Committee on Light met at 4 o'clock yesterday evening at the works and proceeded to an investigation of the cccurrence, but adjourned without arriving at any conclusion as to the cause of the explosion. Superintendent William P. Knowles was authorized to have the building repaired at once and work was begun on it yesterday afternoon. Super-intendent Knowles also ordered that none of the city gas lamps be lighted last night and asked further that users of gas be economical with it. While the supply will not be cut off the facilities for purifying the gas will necessarily be curtailed during the next few days.

Directly after the adjournment of the committee Dr. Taylor held a coroner's injuest. From the testimony of the uniqued workmen who were in the house at the time it would appear that the at the time it would appear that the explosion occurred in purifying box No. 1, and was not general in the room. The men in cleaning out the box were gathered around it to keep the heavy fron cever in position while it was being raised with the assistance of an air pump, operated by two of the workmen. They had been at work about 20 minutes and had gatten one end of the minutes and had gotten one end of th cover in position when the explosion oc-curred. A bright stream of flame spurted out of the box, and a sharp report fol-lowed, and just what happened afterwards has to be guessed at. The men made a dash for safety, and three of them, Griffin, Johnson and Smith, reached the side door and leaped to the ground without injury. The others, who were gathered around the box, were burned, some severely, by the jet of flame, but otherwise were unburt.

CAUGHT UNDER BRICKS.

Mr. Hogan, when he heard the report, evidently ran along the side of the wall in an attempt to reach the door, but was caught under the falling bricks before he could escape.

The two end walls of the building were

The two end walls of the building were thrown to the ground from the second floor to the roof. Bricks were tossed a distance of 100 feet, some of them doing a slight damage to the surrounding buildings. One or two of the chains supporting the cover of the box, in which the explosion occurred, were broken, but otherwise the damage was slight

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Coroner Taylor is of opinion that the explosion was caused by the ignition of the gas by the oxide of iron used in the purifying process. It is known that this iron sponge is capable of heating itself to a glow, and on two occasions heretofore it had been discovered to be on fire. As, from all that can be learned, no matches, or anything else liable to no matches, or anything else liable to set fire to the gas, was taken into the room by the workmen, it is thought that the cause of the explosion yesterday was the heating of the oxide.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Mr. Hogan met his death by accident and that no blame could be attached to the Gas-house employes.

A POPULAR MAN.

Mr. Hogan, who was killed, was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the East End. He was a native of Ireland and had bee was a native of Ireland and had been a resident of Fulton since his arrival in this city thirty-five years ago. He had been an employe of the gas works for the past twenty-five years and was held in highest esteem by both employers and associated workmen. He was 51 years of age and is survived by his widow, and the following the street works are the street with the street work and the following the street was the street with the street was the street w vived by his widow and the following children: Messrs. J. A., Dan and Michael Hogan, and Misses Maggle, Katie, Mary and Julia Hogan, all of whom reside at the residence of Mr. Hogan, No. 2210 Lester Street, Deceased was treasurer of Division No. 1, A. O. H., and also an offi-cer of the Catholic Knights of America. The remains were turned over to Jas McDenough & Co., undertakers to be pared for burial. The funeral will take place from St. Patrick's Church Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock with requiem mass. The interment will be made in Mt. Calvary Cometery.

GERMANS HARD PRESSED.

Yet They Whipport the Chinese With the Less of One Man.

(By Associated Press.)
TIEN TSIN, Feb. 23.—Several hundred
Imperial Chinese troops attacked fifty
Germans west of Pao Ting Fu February 21st. The Germans were hard pressed, fought a rear guard action and eventually drove the Chinese back. The Germans had one man killed and seven wounded. It is estimated that the Chinese lost two hundred in killed and wounded.

A Timely Arrest. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MARTMYSVILLE, VA., Feb. 23.—Sheriff
Robert Davis arrested Pink Turner, a negro, to-day for criminal assault on Jane Kelly, a little girl of his own color, eleven years of age. He was nt the depot at Basset's about take the north-bound train when ar-

rested by the sheriff.

EXTRA SESSION OF THE SENATE

Fatal Explosion at the President Calls it to Meet One Hundred and Twenon March 4th.

EXECUTIVE PURPOSES | FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

President Issues Proclamation on An Investigation for This Purpose Yesterday.

SIX OTHER MEN BADLY INJURED AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION. THE WRECK NOW INVISIBLE.

Public Interest, Says the President, Requires That the Body Convene on March 4th to Receive Such Communications as the Executive May Make.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.-The President to-day issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate for executive purposes immediately upon the dissolution of the present Congress, March 4th.

The text of the proclamation is as follows: By the President of the United States

of America. Whereas, public Interest requires that the Senate of the United States be con-vened at 12 o'clock on the fourth day of March next to receive such communi-cations as may be made by the Execu-

tive; ENTRAOKDINARY OCCASION. Now, therefore, I. William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do heroby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol in the city of Washington of the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as member of that body are hereby required to take

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington the 23d day of February, in the year of our Lord one housand nine houndred and one, and of thousand nine houndred and one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth. (Signed) WILLIAM M'KINLEY. By the President, John Hay, Secretary of State.

CONGER COMING HOME.

Mr. Rockhill to Continue the Negotiations.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Minister Con-ger will leave Pekin immediately for this Country on sixty days' leave of absence.

Commissioner Rockhill will have full power to conduct the negotiations now in

Mr Conger returns of his own initia-Mr. Conger returns of his own initiative. For some time past he has been anxious to get back to Iowa, but the opportunity has not presented itself until this moment. Now that the foreign ministers have settled satisfactorily the question of punishment for offending Chinese officials and a new subject is to be taken up, it will be easy to pass the negotiations into Mr. Rockhill's hands without sacrificing any points. It was Mr. Conger's own suggestion that Mr. Rockhill be placed in charge.

Know Nothing of Them.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 23.—President B.
L. Winchell, of the Kansas City, Fort
Scott and Memphis Railroad, passed
through Atlanta on his way to the southeast this afternoon. He was asked regarding the rumors concerning the ab-sorption of his road by the Southern and

replied:
"I know absolutely nothing of the rumors, except what I have seen in the

Crew for the New York.

(By Associated Press.)
PENSACOLA, FLA., Feb. 23.—The training ship Dixie. Commander Charles Beiknap, arrived here to-day to take aboard forty-five men from each the Kearsarge, Alabama and Massachusetts. They will be taken to New York to form part of the crew of the cruiser New York, which is fitting out for service in

MAN WANTED ON TWO CHARGES

Was Arrested in Staunton on Information Given by a Rail-

road Newsboy.

In connection with the arrest of young man in Staunton, wanted here as an alleged thief, Detective Tomlinson said last night that he had been on the said last night that he had been on the track of the young man for some time, and that he was wanted here for another theft, that of a watch from Miss Annie B. Carter, who boarded on West Marshall Street. The watch was taken on December 29th and was recovered by the detectives on the 31st of the same month.

Major Howard was informed yesterday Major Howard was informed yesterday morning of the arrest in Staunton of the young man who, it is alleged, on last Tuesday night took \$139 and a watch from the trunk of Mr. W. N. Hamner at his boarding-house, No. 710 East Marshall Street.

Detective C. A. Gibson left on the afternoon train, over the Chesapeake and Ohlo, for Staunton, and will return with his prisoner in-day.

his prisoner to-day.

The man is said to be from Petersburg and he was "spotted" by a newsboy named G. C. Andrews, of this city, who has known him for years. He was mak-ing his way to Tennessee and so inform-ed the newsboy on the train near Staun-ton, telling him he had gotten into some trouble in Richmond and that the police formation to the Staunton authorities were after him. Andrews gave the inand the man was placed under arrest. The name of the young man under arrest in Staunton is given as Warner Treker. Detective Tomilison said last night that he was in no way connected with the man who worked the forged checks last week. He expects to land them in a short while. rouble in Richmond and that the polic them in a short while.

FEW BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

ty-Eight Number Lost.

Will be Held.

The Vessel Slid Off Into Deeper Water. Pilot Jordan, Who Was in Charge, Is Known as a Remarkably Successful Navigator-Passens ger List Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 23.-So far as can be ascertained from reliable data 128 lives were lost in the wreck of the Pacific Mail steamship City of Rio de Janeiro. Some fishermen early this morning found a packet containing the papers of Purser Rooney. Among them was the passenger list and a bunch of cencelled passerger tickets, and as there were on the list some whose cancelled passenger tickets did not appear among those recovered, it is assumed that they laid over at Yokohama, Kobe or Honolulu.

That they were not on the vessel at the time she went down is certain. PASSENGER LIST. The list of passengers as given out by the steamship company and compiled

from the papers of the purser found to From Hong Kong (cabin)—William Casle and wife, laid over en route; W. Klose, laid over en route; Consul-General, R. Wildman, wife boy and infant, Mrs. Katie Nichols (maid, Mrs. Wildman) and native servant, J. K. Carpenter, saved; J. K. Seymour, C. K. McIntosh, laid over en route: Mrs. J. K. West, saved. Europe Steerage-C. E. Howell, F. B.

Lee. From Shanghal (cabin)-Charles Do well, Miss G. L. Herne, saved; A. Hart and wife, Edward Secretin, Captain Hecht, saved. From Nagasiki (cabir)-Russell Harper

From Kobe (Steerage)—T. Stsumura. From Yokehama (cabin)—H. C. Matheson, H. S. Olcott, iaid over en route. Steerage—F. Sitou X. Sawiji, J. Adamadia, saved; T. Kawamure, Mrs. Kika Hamasako, Miss Hiki Aseki, Miss Marsa Hamasako.

Hamasako. From Honolulu (cabin)—Mrs. S. W. Wakefield and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodworth, W. A. Henshaw, Mrs. L. R. Jesu, Mrs. Okawahru, wife and servant, Yeong Chung, A. Gussoni, Dr. A W. Dedd.

Steerage—R. A. Long, saved; Harry Guayan, Mrs. Frances Ripley, saved; Mr. Takatu and wife; Mr. Sakurai, Mr.

Oda, William Casper, Charles E. Jacox, Philip Nuzzonblatt, saved.
Pesser.gers from unknown points, presumably from Honolulu on pay-over checks—Mr. Khotz, saved: W. Brander, saved; Mr. Nuzenbaum, saved

Thus fur only eleven bodles have been recovered, six white, four Chinese and one Japanese. Surveyor of the Port one Japanese. Surveyor of the Port Spear has established a patrol along the ocean near Buker's Beach and along the bay shore inside Fort Point. Thus far his men have picked up four mail bags. one of them washing in near Baker's and the other near the Fort Point Life-Sav-ing Station. The surveyor has given or-ders that all the fishing boats must report at the customs office.

All bodies brought in by them and all

wreckage and flotsam picked up by fish-ermen must be accounted for to the offi-cials at the barge office. In this way it is thought that looting of mail bags and

trunks may be stopped.

Among other effects picked up by fishermen was the box containing Captain Ward's papers. The police have established a patrol outside the beach south of Fort Winfield Scott.

VALUE OF CARGO.

The value of the cargo of the Rio de Janeiro has not been determined, owing to the absence of important papers, but it is variously estimated at from \$300,000. Among some papers found floating near the scene of the disaster was a copy of the manifest, showing all the consignees with the exception of the Chinese firms.

The eargo consisted principally of silk, tea, rice and other Oriental products.

There was no treasure aboard as was

at first reported.

Of the 200 sacks of mail carried by the

Rio de Janeiro only twelve have come to the surface. to the surface.

The investigation into the loss of the steamer probably will be held next week. Graham Coghlan, the senior surviving officer of the ill-fated vessel, called on Captain Boles this afternoon to report and he was instructed to make his statement Monday morning.

PECULIAR POSITION. The inspectors are in a peculiar posi-tion in the matter. Captain Ward, the

man held responsible for the navigation of the steamer, is dead, and the investigation of Pilot Jordan will be under the direction of the State Pilot Commissioners. The Government inspectors can only inquire into the investigation of the ship as far as the second officer knows, and will investigate the manage-ment of the boats and similar matters. Pilot Jordan will be summoned as a witness. The pilot commissioners, Cap-tain Leland and Messrs. Alexander and Monday, but in courtesy to the Government officials the State inquiry is always held after that of the inspectors. The licenses of Captain Ward, First Officer Johnston and Second Officer Coghlan were found floating in the bay near Al-catrez Island by Captain Lundquist, of the steamer Acme, and were turned over to Captain Boles. Small boats have hov-ered around the scene of the wreck for the past thirty-six hours, and bodies are frequently seen floating in and out of the harbor with the tide, but the roughness of the water greatly hinders the work of recovery.

MUST HAVE PERISHED.

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If any of the Rio's passengers or crew lived on the water until sunset without meeting succor up to that time they must have perished before this, as the hardlest person scarcely could have lived through such a night. Some of the survivors may have been washed on the Marine county shore at obscure places, but if so none of them have yet reported.

The wreck of the Rio, which for a while hung on a pinnacle of the rock where she struck in the Gelden Gate, so

that parts of the upper works were visible, has sild off into deep water and is now entirely out of sight.

Fort Point, where Pilot Jordan claims the vessel struck, marks the narrowest point of the entrance to the bay, and is usually given a wide berth by mariners. The tide here runs high and at times has a swirling motion. Off Fort Point lie several sunken rocks, forming a dangerous ledge on the southerly edge of the Fairway channel of the Golden Gate, but close under the shore. There is light on top of the Fort and a fog bell, but the latter cannot be heard far when a westerly wind is blowing.

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SUCCESSFUL NAVIGATOR.
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Pilot Captain Jordan has been a master mariner on this coast for over twenty years. He came from the Atlantic Coast. Previous to being appointed a pilot, about twelve years ago, Jordan was in command of the Wellington, Bristol and other coal vessels plying between this port and Puget Sound. He was a remarkably successful navigator and never before had any notable misfortune.

Jordan declares the loss of the steamer could not have been foreseen. According to his story, the vessel drifted half a mile broadside in the fog that enveloped the home-bound steamer like a pall, and no man could have judged either the direction or the velocity of the invisible current that changed its course and sent her en the Fort Point rock.

FORMER ACCIDENTS.

Since 1890 the Rio had several accidents. In August, 1890, she was in collision with the British steamer Bombay, and was severely damaged. This occurred in Hong Kong harbor. In December, 1895, she went ashore at South Kagoshimo, Japan, and was so badly damaged that her cargo was discharged and the vessel docked for repairs. In March, 1896, the Rio started from Honolulu for Yokohama. After continuous head winds had been encountered, and when the Japanese coast was still 1,200 miles away, it was found that there was only 150 tons of coal in the bunkers. The steamship was run back to Honolulu, but before she got there the cabins and state-rooms had been gutted in order to provide fuel for the furnaces.

In Mare, 1899, she collided with an unknown Japanese steamer off Honomoko, Japan, but was not seriously damaged. During the last few years the Pacilia Mail Steamship Company has lost nine-teen of its fleet.

Freight Clerk Englehart, of the Rio, who was saved, said to-day that Captain Ward could not have locked himself in his 7, 1810. "The last I saw of Captain Ward he was standing on the bridge typing the rope of the whistle blowing all the time. I am sure that the shin sank so quickly-that Captain Ward did not have to captain ward did not have to each the cabin."

TEN DOLLARS A HEAD.

This Offered for Americans in Mexican Currency. (By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Feb. 23.-6:15 P. M.-The Government building at Iba, capital of Zambales province, has been burned, the jail alone escaping the flames. The Twentyfourth Infantry supplies were destroyed b the fire. A steamer has been sent to Iba from Manila with stores. A detachment of the Fourth Infantry has aptured General Vinegra, near Cavite

General Cailles has issued a proclama tion offering ten Mexican dollars aplece for the heads of Americans.

Commissioner Worcester is preparing bill for submission to the commission, per-mitting the leasing of land until a gov-ernment shall have been established which shall have authority to alienate the lands for mining claims. Many squatters have settled in the provinces of Benguet and Lepanto and are mining gold and other metals, which also abound. The bill will not allow cutting of timber, but will give the lessees other advantages until their

The Thirty-third Infantry will sail on the transport Logan March 1st, stopping at Vigan to take companies C. E and M, which have been detained at Hocos by smallpox, provided the quarantine is raised.

Pledred to Echols.

Senator William P. Barksdaic returned to his home, in Hallfax county, yesterday. His last declaration to his political cronies here was that Hallfax should give her delegation to the gubernatorial convention to Edward Echols.

RELATIONS WITH CUBAN REPUBLIC

Senate Committee Considering the Question and Hope to Reach

Agreement.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Senate
Committee on Relations with Cuba met to-day to consider a proposed amendment to the army appropriation bill, providing for the disposition of Cuban affairs. The proposition was prepared by the Republican members of the committee, and is said to be satisfactory to most of them.

The proposed amendment recites the so-called Teller amendment to the Spanish War resolutions, and then gives the President authority to withdraw the to-day to consider a propos

President authority to withdraw the troops from Cuba when in his judgment the provisions of the Teller amendment

are realized. The propos The propositions embodied in the pro-posed amendment include the following points That the United States shall have

That the United States shall have supervision of all treaties with foreign countries made by the Republic of Cuba. That Cuba shall not undertake to pay the debt incurred by Spain in her war with Cuba prior to or after the intervention of the United States.

NAVAL STATIONS.

That Cuba shall agree either to lease or to sell to the United States such coaling or naval stations as in the opinion of the President of the United States way be necessary to the protection of

may be necessary to the protection of the interests of this country.

That the United States shall have sufficient supervision of the laws of Cuba relating to sanitation to protect this country from epidemics liable to origi-

nate there.

The idea is that these provisions shall be included in a treaty to be made with Cuba, but that they need not be a part of the Constitution. It is understood that the draft of the amendment containing these provisions was submitted to the President and the Secretary of War, and that they approved of their wording. The minority members of the commit-

tee, expressed themselves willing to come to an understanding upon these general lines. Indeed some of the most important suggestions were made by the minority Senator Butler, of North Carolina, being one of the foremost movers in the matter. They insist, however, upon many verbal amendments, thus evincing a determination to aid in giving form to the provision as well as suggesting its gen-eral tenor When the committee adjourned to-day

there was still important differences to be reconciled and the members separated with the understanding that another meeting would be held on Monday. HOPE FOR AGREEMENT. Members on both sides of the committee

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EXCITING CHASE AND CAPTURE

A Hand-Car Used to Overtake Two Robbers.

BROKE IN CAR-HOUSE

Ransacked the Place and Stole Section-Men's Clothes.

BROUGHT TO BAY WITH PISTOL

They Fled Towards Doswell and Took to the Woods When They Saw the Lever Car Coming-Brought Back to the Courthouse County Jail.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) HANOVER, VA., Feb. 23.-Two young

thite men, "tramps," broke in the Chespeake and Ohio car-house, just west of this station, to-day, and after ransacking everything inside, took \$55 or \$40 worth of clothing, shoes and other goods belonging to one of the section men. MET THE ROBBERS.

The track force, returning for dinner, met the men going west, and upon arrival at the car-house, discovered the robbery. The foreman, W. T. Poindexter, reported the matter to the telegraph operator, who wired authorities at Dos-vell to look out for the men. CAME WITH HANDS UP.

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The foreman immediately started in pursuit, overtaking the men near Doswell, who, seeing the lever-car coming, ran to the woods, but after a lively chase and one or two shots from the foreman, came back with "hands up."

They were brought back to the Courthouse, and after a hearing before Magistrate J. H. Berkly, were placed in just to await trial. They claim to be from Washington, D. C., and are brothers named Delaney.

REAPS A HARVEST.

Three Members of One Family Die

Within a Week. Death has claimed three members one family within one week, and another member's life is despaired of.
Last Monday night Mr. R. T. Allen, of
Croxton Postofilee, Caroline county, died
from pneumonia. About the same time a
daughter, Miss Dora L. Allen, was taken

ill with pneumonia, and her death fol-lowed Thursday, the day after her at Croxton, is now critically ill with the same disease. Last Sunday night Mr. Louis H. Harris, the father-in-law of an-other son, Mr. E. G. Allen, died at his home in Louisa. The two children of Mr. H. M. Allen are just beginning to recover

from severe attacks of pneumonia. Mr. R. T. Allen was aged seventy-four years and was a well known citizen of Caroline. His daughter was aged forty-five years and resided with her father at homestead, which, with the two deaths, is left tenantless. Both father and daughter were buried at Croxton, the

former on Wednesday and the latter Frisadly afflicted family are Messrs. E. G. Allen, of Milford; H. M. Allen, of Croxton, and R. R. Allen and Mrs. E. H. Fus-

WILL REORGANIZE.

Firm of G. & A. Bargamin to Become a Stock Company. It is understood that the firm of G. & A. Bargamin will be reorganized and formed

into a joint stock company. This reor-ganization, it is stated, will be effected March 1st, and the new company will be ernitalized at \$40,000. From what can be learned several promi-nent Richmonders will be interested in the new concern, and Mr. Smith Brockenbrough, formerly with the Southern Bis-cuit Company, will be in charge of the

NEW LINE FOR SEABOARD. Negotiating for the Purchase of Tallulah Falls Road.

Iulah Falls Road.

(By Associated Press.)

BRUNSWICK, GA., Feb. 25.—It is reported here to-day that negotiations are bending for the purchase of the Tallulah Falls Railroad by the Seaboard Air Line, and eventually resulting in a line from Athens, Ga. to Kaoxville, Tenn.

The purpose of the new line, it is said, is to bring in reach the undeveloped mineral and timber lands of North Georgia, North Carolina and East Tennessee. George L. Prentiss, of New York, who is considered a leading promoter of the undertaking, was here to-lay, but would neither deny nor aftirm the rumor.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

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One man killed and six injured in explosion at gas works.

Military interested in inauguration and the proposed encampment.

Some of the features of the Carnival being talked about.

Negotiations pending for the opening of another hotel here.

Richmond men talked of for the Constitutional Convention.

Rev. Mr. Caves decision to be announced to Third Christian Church

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-Mayor Taylor denies that he will not be a candidate again.

Robert Davis, arrested by the sherift of Henry for criminal assault when he was about to escape on a train.

A small fire in Petersburg last night.

The foundry building of the Roanoke Machine Works gutted by fire.

W. T. Poindexter, section foreman at Hanover, pursues two robbers with a hand-car and pistol and captures them.

A snow-storm and blizzard on the Virginia coast.

Y. M. C. A. determined to raise \$50,000 for the year's work.

-President calls extra session of Senate to convene March 4th.

-A heavy snowfall general throughout the Southern States.

-House adopted resolution to investigate its employes. Revenue cutter service bill taken up.

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-Minister Conger coming home on leave: Commissioner Rockhill to act in his place.
-No more offensive operations to be conducted during negotiations.
-General Botha asks for a meeting to discuss terms of surrender.